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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6302

BILL NUMBER: SB 182

DATE PREPARED: Nov 8, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Homosexuals as Foster or Adoptive Parents.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the Division of Family and Children from issuing a foster home license to a person who is a homosexual. The bill also prohibits a person who is a homosexual from adopting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: As of November 8, 2001, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) reported between 100 and 150 children are legally free for adoption. FSSA also reported that 1,173 children have a Termination of Parental Rights case pending but have a permanency goal of adoption. Any reduction in the number of potential homes willing to take older, hard-to-place children results in the children spending more time in the local, state, and federally funded foster care system.

Two states, Florida and Mississippi, have similar laws to the proposed legislation. Neither state has studied whether these provisions have an effect on the placement of children. New Hampshire repealed a similar statute in March of 1999. Utah and Arkansas use state rules to prevent a homosexual from adopting. FSSA does not currently know how many homosexuals have adopted children or are licensed as foster parents in Indiana because this information is not currently requested or recorded.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See Explanation of State Expenditures, above.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: FSSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Amy Brown Legislative Liaison for FSSA, 232-4451.